Pressler's suggestions for holding a Camp David Type Summit

1628. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPSON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion was made by the U.S. Senator Mr. Larry Pressler to hold a Camp David type of Summit; and

(b) if so, what was the reaction of India to that suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Simla Agreement, India and Pakistan have agreed to resolve all issues on bilateral basis only. In view of this, Government do not feel the need for a Camp David type of Summit.

India's role at ASEAN Summit

1629. SHRI VISWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ASEAN Summit of six heads of Government on January 28, 1992 adopted India as its sectoral partner;

(b) if so, the precise terms on which India has been so adopted; and

(c) what would be the status role and functions of India as such partner, with respect to ASEAN in the context of emergence of economic blocks throughout the world?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Summit level meeting of ASEAN that met in Singapore from 27-28 January, 1992 approved that India will be a sectoral dialogue partner of ASEAN. The sectoral dialogue is expected to ommence as soon as modalities for this are mutually finalised. The sectoral dialogue will strengthen India's economic cooperation in various fields with the ASEAN countries, including in the areas of trade, human resource development, science and technology and tourism. ASEAN is a regional economic grouping and not a trade bloc.

Recognition to various Republics of erstwhile Soviet Union

1630. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised the various independent republics of the erstwhile Soviet Union, individually and the Commonwealth of the 11 independent Republics;

(b) if so, on what dates and at what stages; and

(c) the steps so far taken to establish diplomatic bilateral and multilateral relations with them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have individually recognised all the 15 Republics of the former Soviet Union. However, the Commonwealth of independent States has not been recognised since, in accordance with Alma Ata Declaration of 21 December, 1991, it is neither a State nor a Super State structure.

(b) The Baltic Republics, namely, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, were recognised on 7th September, 1991. All the other Republics were recognised on 26 December, 1991.

(c) Diplomatic relations continue to exist with Russia and have already been established with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. The process of establishment of diplomatic relations with the other Republics is underway.